dustries falling within their sphere of activity to pass on the concession and the process is continuing.

(e) The State Weights & Measures Organisations have been asked to intensify their enforcement activities in this regard. At the same time the Administrative Ministries of concerned industries have also been asked to review the position and to take appropriate action against defaulter industries.

(f) and (g) 'The maximum retail price. ..... inclusive of all taxes" marked on every pre-packed commodity is the maximum limit which a retail dealer may charge from consumer. The actual price of any commodity is left to the free market forces and consumer awareness.

Irregularities at Fair Price Shops

6. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the recent raids on the fair price shops in the National Capital led by him, it was detected that many FPS were selling essential commodities which were not fit for human consumption apart from other irregularities being comitted by the FPS owners;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action being taken against the FPS owners; and

(c) what action Government propose *to* take *to* ensure that only good quality essential items are sold and supplied to the consumers through the Public Dis tribution System throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) Minister of the Union Civil Supplies Consumer Affairs: and Public Distribution recently visited a number of Fair Price Shops (he did not lead any raids) to assess the functioning of Public Distribution System in the capital. The Food . . Supplies Department of Delhi Administration has powers to carry out enforcement functions. It is reported by Delhi Administration that during the last about 3 months inspections of 10.988 Fair Price Shops have been conducted by officers of the Food & Supplies Department. 62 cases of apparently bad quality of Specified Food Articles were noticed. In 12 such cases, the items were got replaced from F.C.I. through the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation. Departmental action has been initiated against 150 PDS outlet"; for shortcomings. Prosecution has also been launched against 263 PDS outlets for using defective weights & measures.

State Government/ UT Administrations are advised, from time to time, to tab.; effective regulatory measure to ensure that good quality stocks of PDS items a: e made available to consumers through the Fair Price Shops.

उत्तर प्रदेश में राशन की दुकानें

. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे :

(क) वर्ष 1993–94 के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में खोली जाने वाली राशन की दुकानों की जिलावार संख्या कितनी है ;

(ख) ये दुकानें अनुसूचित जातियों/ पिछड़े वर्गों तथा आदिवासी समुदाय के कुल कितने व्यक्तियों के लिए आरक्षित की गई हैं; और

(ग) गत व 1992–93 के दौरान खोली गई 1141 दुकानों में कितने प्रतिशत दुकानों का आवंटन उपर्युक्त भाग (ख) में उल्लिखित व्यक्तियों को किया गया है ?